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PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten, would you close debate please on your amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I offered this as a compromise quite truly. I do think that it is a fair increase, as Senator Keyes said, to further broaden the base. It's not quite as far as he thinks it should be broadened. It is some ... it is more than the personal income would be increased if we stayed with 12%. When we realize that 8% of the corporations are paying ... no 16% of the corporations are paying 92% of the corporation tax. I think that we are protecting the small corporations. Those that are larger can well afford to take this increase. I don't think that we're increasing to the point where industry is going to look down on Nebraska. This is an important part of Nebraska's economy. We hope that they will continue under this present structure. I urge your support for the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Carsten's amendment to Senator Lewis' amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 5 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, there would be the Keyes amendment, as amended by the Carstens' amendment to dispose of. It is too the Frank Lewis amendment. Frank Lewis amendment as amended by the Carsten amendment.

PRESIDENT: Alright, your amendment now is 25 and 27 1/2? Alright. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, those that know me know I want to get as much as I can. My feeling tells me this is about as far as I can go. Let's have it.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Lewis' amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 7 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. I'm sorry we didn't get to introduce a group from St. Agnes School, Senator Skarda, when they were in the chamber. 589 is pretty tough. I also am sorry, Senator Bereuter, that we didn't get to introduce that delegation from York St. Joseph's.

Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President, they're all converted Democrats.

PRESIDENT: You sure you'd know one, Senator Skarda?

CLERK: Mr. President, we still have pending the Frank Lewis amendment to incorporate LB 167 into the bill.